GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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MODERNISATION OF HINDUSTAN NEWSPRINT LIMITED
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for modernization and expansion of HNL (Hindustan Newsprint Limited) Velloor in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the profit/loses of HNL during the last three years unitwise;

(d) whether HNL have any tie up with State Government for captive Plantation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): Details of major proposals for modernization schemes of Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL) Vellor in Kerala are as under:

(i) Setting up of a 100 TPD De-inking Plant at a cost of Rs.52.20 crores.

(ii) Digital Control System (DCS) for Paper Machine and Pulp Mill at a cost of Rs.10 corres.

(iii) New Quality Control (QCS) for Paper Machine at a cost of Rs.6.00 crores.

(c) The profit/loss of Hindustan Newsprint Limited during the last 3 years is as under:-

(Rupees in crore)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Profit before tax	24.62	7.21	30.35
Profit after tax	21.08	3.17	16.20

(d) & (e): Hindustan Newsprint Limited has been developing Captive Plantation on 5600 hectaresof forest land leased out to them by Government of Kerala. The lease of forest land is for 12 years from 1993-94 to 2005-06. The annual lease rental is @Rs.1300 per hectare. The lease is renewable at the option of the parties.